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SUBJ: RESEARCH VESSEL CLEARANCE REQUESTS

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1. EMBASSY HAS DEVELOPED NO SPECIAL PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING RESEARCH VESSEL CLEARANCE REQUESTS BECAUSE NO SUCH REQUEST HAS BEEN RECEIVED FOR SOME TIME. APPARENTLY, THE ONLY WAY THE EMBASSY WOULD BECOME INVOLVED IN SUCH A REQUEST IS IF THE US GOVERNMENT OWNED OR OPERATED THE VESSEL.

2. TURKEY'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE SHORTAGE HAS FORCED TURKS TO SUBSTITUTE THEIR OWN VESSELS FOR FOREIGN RESEARCH VESSELS SINCE 1976. FOR EXAMPL, TURKISH PETROLEUM CORPORATION'S MARINE RESEARCH IS DONE BY VESSEL "SISMIK I", PURCHASED BY TURKISH MINERAL RESEARCH ANE EXPLORATION INSTITUTE (MTA) IN SUMMER OF 1976.

3. REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE IS USUALLY SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO TURKISH GOVERNMENT BY THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION IN TURKEY,
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WHETHER IT BE A COMMERCIAL AGENT, A UNIVERSITY, OR THE MTA. FOR EXAMPLE, UNTIL 1976 TURKISH PETROLEUM CORPORATION CONTRACTED WITH LOCAL AGENTS OF GEOLOGICAL SERVICES INTERNATIONAL (AFFILIATE OF TEXAS INSTRUMENTS) AND GLOBAL MARINE.

4. CLEARANCE REQUESTS FOR RESEARCH ON TURKEY'S CONTINENTAL SHELF MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS.

CLEARANCE REQUESTS FOR RESEARCH IN TURKEY'S TERRITORIAL WATERS MAY BE ADDRESSED TO THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, DC, OR TO THE TURKISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHEN SUBMITTED BY US ORGANIZATIONS. HOWEVER, TURKISH ORGANIZATIONS MUST OBTAIN CLEARANCE FOR RESEARCH IN TURKISH TERRITORIAL WATERS FROM FIVE OFFICES: CHIEF OF STAFF; NAVY HEADQUARTERS; PETROLEUM AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE; MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES; AND MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. FYI-GOT DEFINES ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS AS EXTENDING UP TO SIX MILES FROM ITS COAST, EXCEPT IN THE BLACK SEA WHERE IT IS TWELVE MILES.

5. RESEARCH VESSEL CLEARANCES REQUIRE INFORMATION ON NAME OF VESSEL, VESSEL'S TONNAGE, NAMES OF CAPTAIN AND CREW, AS WELL AS DESCRIPTION OF RESEARCH INTENDED. CLEARANCE FOR RESEARCH WITHIN TURKISH TERRITORIAL WATERS ALSO REQUIRES VESSEL TO INCLUDE A TURKISH NATIONAL ON BOARD.
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